

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 are pending in this application, of which claim 1 has been amended. Claims 3-6 have been canceled. No new claims have been added.

Claims 1-2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by EP 1 038 687 A2 to Sato et al. (hereafter "**Sato et al.**").

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Sato et al. discloses a straight line printer having a support mechanism (50) having a mounting frame (51) fixed to a cover (3), a support frame (52) for supporting a platen roller (12) and a stationary blade (41), and a compression spring (53) attached to the mounting frame (51) around engaging pins (52c) of the support frame (52), and slide relative to a pivot of the cover (3). A positioning pin (61) and a positioning notch (62) are provided on a main frame (4) that pivotally supports the cover for positioning the support frame (52) to a position at which the platen roller (12) and the stationary blade (41) are aligned with and positioned opposite a print head (11) and a movable blade (32), respectively.

FIG. 1 of **Sato et al.** shows that a straight line formed by connecting a cover hinge (support shaft) 9 and a shaft of a platen roller 12 is not parallel to a bottom surface of the portable type terminal equipment, as in the present invention.

Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the two shafts are parallel to the surface of the portable type terminal equipment.

Thus, the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection should be withdrawn.

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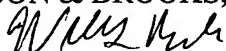
In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims 1-2, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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